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- At 1100 hours on 9 September 1954, eight vessels of the same type were sighted proceeding abreast on a southerly course off Dagerort (N 58-55, E 22-10). They turned simultaneously and continued toward the west in line formation. Each vessel had a single stack and a high forecastle. At 1400 hours on the same day, seven vessels, all of the same type, were seen in line formation on a northerly course just west of Seyskari Island (N 60-02, E 28-23). During observation, the formation turned and proceeded toward the east. The vessels looked like tugboats of about 300 tons with a single stack with a red ring, and an antiaircraft gun fore and aft. Just aft of the stack, there was a large tarpaulin which presumably covered the minesweeping cable. 25X1
- At 1200 hours on 10 September, the battleship OKTYABRSKAYA REVOLYUTSIYA was sighted leading a formation, including a cruiser and three destroyers, on a westerly course near Sursari Island (N 60-05, E 27-00). The formation turned while under observation and proceeded toward the east. The cruiser was about one-half mile aft of the lead vessel. One destroyer was on either side of the larger ships, and the third destroyer was laying a smoke screen about two miles ahead of the formation. The OKTYABRSKAYA REVOLYUTSIYA had six radar antennas; two on the forward mast, one on the after mast, one on the top (sic), and two on a bridge between the stacks and just forward of the after stack. The cruiser appeared to be considerably longer than the OKTYABRSKAYA REVOLYUTSIYA. 25X1
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The two stacks of the destroyers were cut off even, and there were no smoke cowls. The decks were flush, and there was one ordinary mast just aft of the bridge. The bow was raked. Just aft of the after stack, there was a triple torpedo mounting. 25X1

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3. At 1200 hours on 15 September, there were two submarines [redacted] at the pier at Kronshtadt. They had one gun mounted forward of the conning tower on an ordinary swivel carriage. The gun was covered up. A number of submarines were in hangars on shore (sic). The OKTYABRSKAYA REVOLYUTSIYA was at anchor off Kronshtadt. In the fairways at Kronshtadt, there were two MEBs. Each had four visible torpedo tubes, two on the bow and two aft. They were apparently making test runs and were running at high speed back and forth in the fairways.
4. On 16 September, a destroyer-like craft was seen steering a northerly course north of Tallinn. Viewed bow-on, it had one stack with a diagonal top, possible one more stack, and one turret mast. It fired at an unseen target.

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